

Avenues

Programme Progress Report

March 2025





We're making Glasgow greener, better connected, and a great place to live and do business.

The Avenues

Glasgow city centre is undergoing its biggest upgrade in half a century. The Avenues project aims to make Glasgow more popular, vibrant and attractive for investment by developing a city centre where more people spend time, trade and live.

This project will transform the city centre with more people-friendly spaces, safer streets for walking, wheeling and cycling, and better public transport links. Sixteen of Glasgow city centre's streets are being redesigned into Avenues. A full revamp of George Square is included in the Avenues programme.

The Avenues will provide:

- A boost for business: more welcoming public spaces will bring in more visitors, attract developers and investors and improve the city centre economy.
- A better-connected city centre: sustainable transport such as walking, wheeling, cycling and public will have priority on the Avenues. New cycle lanes will connect the heart of Glasgow to the broader cycling network being developed throughout the city. Wider pavements will make the city centre environment safer for walking and wheeling by people with disabilities or children in buggies. Redesigned bus routes will make bus travel to and from the city centre quicker and easier.
- Greening the city: new trees, with root spaces large enough so they will thrive for future decades, will support local wildlife, provide shade in summer and help the city centre cope with the effects of climate change. A mix of trees that includes lime, plane, elm, hornbeam, acer and birch will be used. Rain gardens will also help manage rainwater runoff, further supporting biodiversity.
- Making the city a great place to live: a more welcoming, people friendly city centre will support our plan to grow the city's population to 40,000 by 2035. The aim is to build new homes and bring in the services people need such as doctors' surgeries.

The Avenues is just the start of this important journey. Investing in our streets is an important part of Glasgow's wider regeneration.

City Deal funded

- Argyle Street East
- Argyle Street West
- Broomielaw
- Cambridge Street
- Clyde Street
- George Square & Surrounding Avenues
- High Street
- Holland Street & Pitt Street
- North Hanover Street & Kyle Street
- Sauchiehall Street Pilot
- Sauchiehall Street Precinct
- Stockwell Street

Sustrans funded (Avenues Plus)

- Cowcaddens Road & Dobbies Loan
- Duke Street & John Knox Street
- South Portland Street



Projects in design

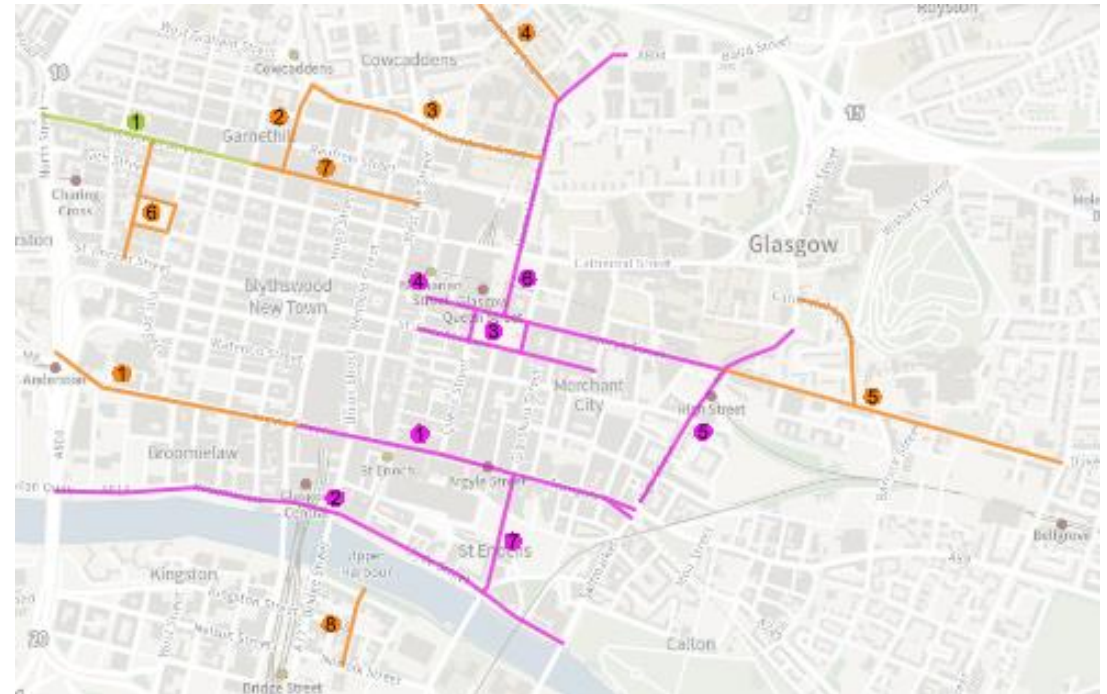
1. Argyle Street East
2. Broomielaw/Clyde Street
3. George Square
4. George Street
5. High Street
6. North Hanover Street/Kyle Street
7. Stockwell Street

Projects in construction

1. Argyle Street West
2. Cambridge Street
3. Cowcaddens Road
4. Dobbies Loan
5. Duke Street/John Knox Street
6. Holland Street/Pitt Street
7. Sauchiehall Precinct
8. South Portland Street

Projects completed

1. Sauchiehall Street Pilot



Avenue	Design update	Estimated construction	Any change to previous listed timescales
Argyle Street East	Detailed designs are currently being finalised and tender documents being prepared. The package will be published in mid-2025. The dialogue with key stakeholders continues.	Start January 2026	Unchanged
Broomielaw	Broomielaw has now been separated from Clyde St and will progress as a standalone Avenue contract due to dependencies with other transport and infrastructure projects.	Start November 2026	Unchanged
Clyde Street	Clyde St has now been separated from Broomielaw and will progress as a standalone Avenue contract due to dependencies with other transport and infrastructure projects.	Start February 2026	Unchanged
High Street	Stage 3 design work has commenced, and design meetings are ongoing. Discussions with Network Rail are also taking place about the interface with High Street Station facade improvements. Initiation of wider conversations with neighbouring development proposals are underway, as well as with other key stakeholders.	Start June 2026	Unchanged
North Hanover Street & Kyle Street	The construction contract has been awarded to Hillhouse. Once the pre-start meeting has taken place with the contractor, further details will be provided and detailed engagement with key stakeholders will take place.	Start June 2025	Unchanged
Stockwell Street	Final drafting of the tender package is underway alongside a review of procurement options for construction.	Start January 2026	Unchanged

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Argyle Street West	<p>Contractor is progressing works along the south side of the project and under the Hielanman’s Umbrella. Minor reconfiguration of the programme has been undertaken to take cognisance of the underground rail tunnel and material supplies, however there is no change to the completion date of the overall programme.</p> <p>Temporary road closures are in effect with residents and businesses being kept informed.</p>	Completion December 2025	Unchanged
Holland Street & Pit Street	<p>Works on the core Avenue are now substantially complete with minor snagging works remaining. Some localised works at the traffic light junction of Pitt St/Bath St will be taking place in April/May to complete the Pitt Street cycleway following the release of the area by adjacent development that was occupying the works area.</p>	May 2025	New date provided
Sauchiehall Precinct & Cambridge Street	<p>Sauchiehall Precinct and Cambridge Street will be substantially complete by the end of April with the final reinstatements comprising small-scale works with localised fencing ongoing through May.</p>	All paving works and temp fencing complete by end April ; street furniture/lighting complete in May 2025	Unchanged

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<p>Duke Street & John Knox Street</p>	<p>Works progressing at pace with footway construction taking place between High Street and Bellgrove Street.</p> <p>Planters adjacent to Meatmarket development are now being removed to facilitate the Avenues investment. Alternative greening options will be introduced as part of the Avenue.</p>	<p>Completion April 2026</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>South Portland Street</p>	<p>Trial pits have now begun, and the site compound is established on Calton Place.</p>	<p>Completion February 2026</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan</p>	<p>A sinkhole has been discovered beneath Cowcaddens Road, west of Hope Street, during recent excavation works. This is an issue for Scottish Water and not related to the works being undertaken as part of the Avenues Plus Project at this location. To minimise any delays and cost to the Avenues Plus Project, the Council's contractor (Wills Bros) has been temporarily relocated to another site at Dobbies Loan until Scottish Water completes their works. Further information can be found on the Scottish Water website: www.scottishwater.co.uk/CowcaddensRoad</p>	<p>Completion April 2026</p>	<p>No change</p>

George Square and surrounding Avenues

Type	Update	Timings
Construction – general points	Phase 1 of George Square proposals consists of three separate contracts: the first covers the hoarding of the Square, the second is for restoration and conservation of the statues and the third is for the main public realm works including stonework.	
Exhibition	At the end of January 2025 an exhibition of the proposals for George Square was installed in the northwest lawn of the Square. This included visuals and information about the revitalised Square as well as links to further information on the project and associated activities. This will be in place until the hoarding precludes access, after which the information boards will be relocated to a publicly accessible area within the City Chambers. Similar information will also be located on the printed hoarding.	
Hoarding contract	A supplier has been identified, and the contract has been awarded. Technical discussions have started, and a site start in late April has been agreed..	Estimated install begins April 2025
Statue restoration & conservation contract	A contract has now been awarded, and the works to remove the statues to allow conservation will begin in May 2025	Removal starts May 2025
Public realm contract	The main public realm construction tender closed on 28 February 2025 and is now concluding the procurement process. Main contract works will begin early June 2025.	Estimated award June 2025

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